Amount released for Irrigation Project of Uttar Pradesh

1368. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a small amount has been allocated for irrigation purposes in the Seventh Five Year Plan for Uttar Pradesh in spite of the fact that there is acute shortage of irrigation Resources and the targets of Sixth Plan has not been achieved;

(b) what is the amount proposed to be released for irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh under the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) what are the centrally sponsored irrigation projects that have been taken up during the first year - of Seventh Five Year Plain;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Central assistance is released to the State in the form of block loans and block grants and is not related to schemes of a particular sector such as for Irrigation Projects. As such the question of amount proposed to be released for irrigation projects does not arise. There is a provision of Rs. 1932 crore, for Major Medium and Minor Irrigation projects in the Seventh Five Year Plan of the State.

(c) Under Major & Medium Irrigation Programme, there is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme. However, under Minor Irrigation Sector, the Centrally sponsored projects taken up during 1985-86 (first year of 7th Five Year Plan) in the country are indicated below: —

1. Strengthening of ground water and surface water (Minor Irrigation) organisation ini the States/ U.Ts.

2. Encouraging irrigation through the use of sprinklers, drip irrigation systems, hydrams, water turbines, Man and animal operated pumps for small and marginal farmers.

3. Pilot scheme for rectification cum demonstration of disel pumpsets.

Misuse of Foreign Contributions

@1369. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the foreign contributions amounting crores of rupees flowing into India every year are being used to promote fundamentalism, social unrest in tribal areas, to create communal riots and caste riots, for the conversion of innocent persons in different religious faiths and also to help to destabilize the country; and

(b) if so, what is the exact amount of foreign contribution flowing into India every year and what are the names of the organisations—social, religious and individuals which have received foreign contribution and the steps Government have taken *to* curb the use of foreign money for the destabilization of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Foreign contribution received by the associations in India for educational, cultural, economic. religious and social programmes is regulated under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. Close watch is being kept on activities of the associations receiving foreign contribution.

(b) The amount of foreign contribution received by various organisations in India during the years 1&80, 1981 and 1982 is about Rs. 209 crores, Rs. 230 crores and Rs. 233 crores respectively. A number of organisations

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in India receive foreign contribution every year. Keeping in view the voluminous work involved in the collection of data, it is not feasible to furnish the required information. The receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by the organisations is being monitored and audited statement of accounts are obtained from the organisations for close scrutiny.

Policies adopted hy the National Wasteland Development Board

1370. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the nature of strategies and policies adopted by the National Wasteland Development Board to increase tree rollers green cover on Wastelands and also to promote fuel-wood and fodder;

(h) what is the constitution of this Board; and

(c) what i_s the amount that has been placed at the disposal of this Board during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) ; (a) A copy of the Action Plan drawn up by the National Wastelands Development Board is placed on the Table of the House as Statement-I.

(b) The present Constitution of the Board is given at Statement-II.

(c) An amount of Rs. 52.33 crores has been placed at the disposal of the Board for the current financial year.

Statement-I

Actio?i Plan

The Action Plan drawn up by the National Wastelands Development Board and accepted by the State/U.T. Governments for implementation has the following key elements: —

1. *Identification of Wastelands:*

Each State/U.T. Government has been requested to identify wastelands in their territory whether they be in forest area, revenue|common lands or degraded farm lands.

2. *People's Involvement-.*

This will be ensured by the following measures: —

(a) *Decentralised Nurseries:* People's nurseries i.e. kisans. schools, women, youth groups, voluntary agencies, etc., will be motivated to meet the increased demand of seedlings.

(b) *Farm Forestry-.* $Farmer_s$ will be motivated to take up tree farming on their marginal lands and planting on their field bunds. A rational policy in regard to distribution of seedlings should be evolved.

(c)' *Tree Growers' Cooperatives:* Tree Growers' Cooperatives should be organised with the involvement of farmers in raising and distribution of seedlings and in tree plantations.

(d) *Voluntary Agencies;* The grass-roots agencies, Manila Man-dais, Youth groups would also be motivated in nursery raising and tree plantations.

(e) *Tree Pattas:* Strips of land along roads, rails, canals, etc., and other degraded land sould be given to the- rural poor, with usufruct rights on the trees planted by them on such lands.

3. Nodal *Agency:*

The State/U.T. Governments have been requested to identify a single nodal agency for ensuring an integrated approach for the implementation of the programme which is being executed by different agencies, official and otherwise.